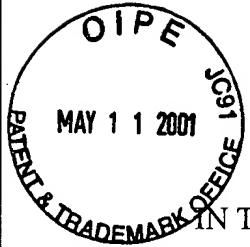


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-59 without prejudice and enter the following substitute claims:

*Sub C1* 60. A system for managing, by a primary shop, orders received from a first shop and orders placed with a second shop comprising:

communication means for communicating data indicating statuses of orders received and placed, orders received, and orders placed; and

display control means for controlling display on display means of a combination of an icon corresponding to a management item and data indicating a status of the management item represented by the icon,

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